

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for securing a mobile terminal including a housing and an imaging device disposed within the housing for capturing an image through a lens, the securing apparatus comprising:

a sheet having an upper surface and a lower surface; and

an adhesive applied on the lower surface of the sheet,

wherein the sheet may be releasably adhered to the surface of the mobile terminal for covering the lens to substantially prevent image capture by the imaging device,

and wherein the sheet is altered upon removal from the surface.

2. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the sheet is formed from an opaque material.

3. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the lower surface of the sheet comprises a reflective surface.

4. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the sheet is selected from a film, paper, a woven fabric, or a non-woven fabric.

5. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the adhesive is a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

6. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the lower surface of the sheet is partially covered with adhesive.

7. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 6, wherein the partial adhesive coverage includes the periphery of the lower surface of the sheet.

8. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 6, wherein the partial adhesive coverage includes all but a portion of the lower surface of the sheet, the portion of the sheet without adhesive being adjacent to the edge of the sheet.

9. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 1, further comprising a protective backing for removably covering the lower surface of the sheet.

10. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 1, further comprising indicia on the upper surface.

11. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein the indicia comprise characteristic symbols

12. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein the indicia comprise alphanumeric characters

13. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein the indicia are machine-readable.

14. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 13, wherein the machine-readable indicia is a latent retroreflective image.

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A securing apparatus as recited in claim ~~15~~ 1, wherein the adhesive does not retain its adhesiveness upon removal from the mobile terminal housing or lens such that the sheet cannot be re-applied once removed.

17. (currently amended) A securing apparatus as recited in claim ~~15~~ 1, wherein the alteration of the sheet includes irreversible destruction of the sheet upon removal.

18. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 17, wherein the sheet is formed from an easily tearable material.

19. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 17, wherein upon removal of the sheet from the mobile terminal housing or lens, a portion of the sheet will tear from the remainder of the sheet and the portion will remain adhered to the mobile terminal or lens.

20. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 19, wherein the portion of the sheet adhered to the mobile terminal or lens comprises indicia.

21. (original) A securing apparatus as recited in claim 20, wherein the indicia comprises alphanumeric characters.

22. (currently amended) A mobile terminal for use in a wireless communication system, comprising:

a housing;

an imaging device disposed within the housing for capturing an image through a lens, the housing defining an opening for the lens;

a sheet having an upper surface and a lower surface; and

an adhesive applied on the lower surface of the sheet,

wherein the sheet may be releasably adhered to the surface of the mobile terminal for covering the lens to substantially prevent image capture by the imaging device, and

wherein the sheet is altered upon removal from the surface.

23. (original) A mobile terminal as recited in claim 22, wherein the mobile terminal is a cellular telephone.

24. (original) A mobile terminal as recited in claim 22, wherein the mobile terminal is used in a wireless communication system.

25. (original) A mobile terminal as recited in claim 22, wherein the imaging device is a camera.

26. (original) A mobile terminal as recited in claim 22, wherein the adhesive has a greater affinity for the sheet than for the surface of the mobile terminal or lens to which it is to be applied.

27. (original) A mobile terminal as recited in claim 22, further comprising a protective backing for removably covering the lower surface of the sheet.

28. (original) A mobile terminal as recited in claim 22, further comprising indicia on the upper surface.

29. (original) A mobile terminal as recited in claim 28, wherein the indicia comprise characteristic symbols

30. (cancelled)

31. (currently amended) A mobile terminal as recited in claim 30 22, wherein the adhesive does not retain its adhesiveness upon removal from the mobile terminal housing or lens such that the sheet cannot be re-applied once removed.

32. (currently amended) A mobile terminal as recited in claim 30 22, wherein the alteration of the sheet includes irreversible destruction of the sheet upon removal.

33. A mobile terminal as recited in claim 22, wherein the adhesive is a pressure-sensitive adhesive for producing a bond between the sheet and the housing of the mobile terminal or the lens.

34. (currently amended) A method for securing a mobile terminal including a housing and an imaging device disposed within the housing for capturing an image through a lens, the securing method comprising:

providing a security cover comprising a sheet having an upper surface and a lower surface, and an adhesive applied on the lower surface of the sheet, wherein the sheet is altered upon removal from a surface to which the sheet is adhesively adhered; and

releasably adhering the sheet to the mobile terminal for covering the lens to substantially prevent image capture by the imaging device, and

removing the sheet from the mobile terminal, wherein the sheet is altered.

35. (original) A securing method for a mobile terminal as recited in claim 34, further comprising the steps of providing a protective backing for removably covering the lower surface of the sheet, and removing the backing prior to the releasably adhering step.

36. (original) A securing method for a mobile terminal as recited in claim 34, wherein the releasably adhering step comprises adhesively attaching the sheet to the lens.

37. (original) A securing method for a mobile terminal as recited in claim 34, wherein the releasably adhering step comprises adhesively attaching the sheet to the housing.

38. (new) A mobile terminal as recited in claim 32, wherein the sheet is formed from an easily tearable material.

39. (new) A mobile terminal as recited in claim 32, wherein upon removal of the sheet from the mobile terminal housing or lens, a portion of the sheet will tear from the remainder of the sheet and the portion will remain adhered to the mobile terminal or lens.

40. (new) A mobile terminal as recited in claim 39, wherein the portion of the sheet adhered to the mobile terminal or lens comprises indicia.

41. (new) A mobile terminal as recited in claim 40, wherein the indicia comprises alphanumeric characters.